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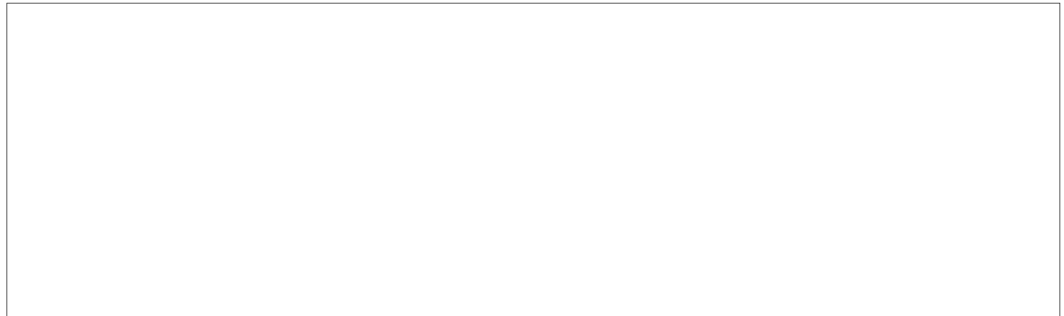
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Key Findings (U)

Detainees are disclosing fragmentary information on al-Qa'ida financiers—including donors, fundraisers, and facilitators—that may help identify additional al-Qa'ida operatives and networks. Most detainees are employing counterinterrogation techniques and appear to be hiding detailed financial information. Nonetheless, they have provided:

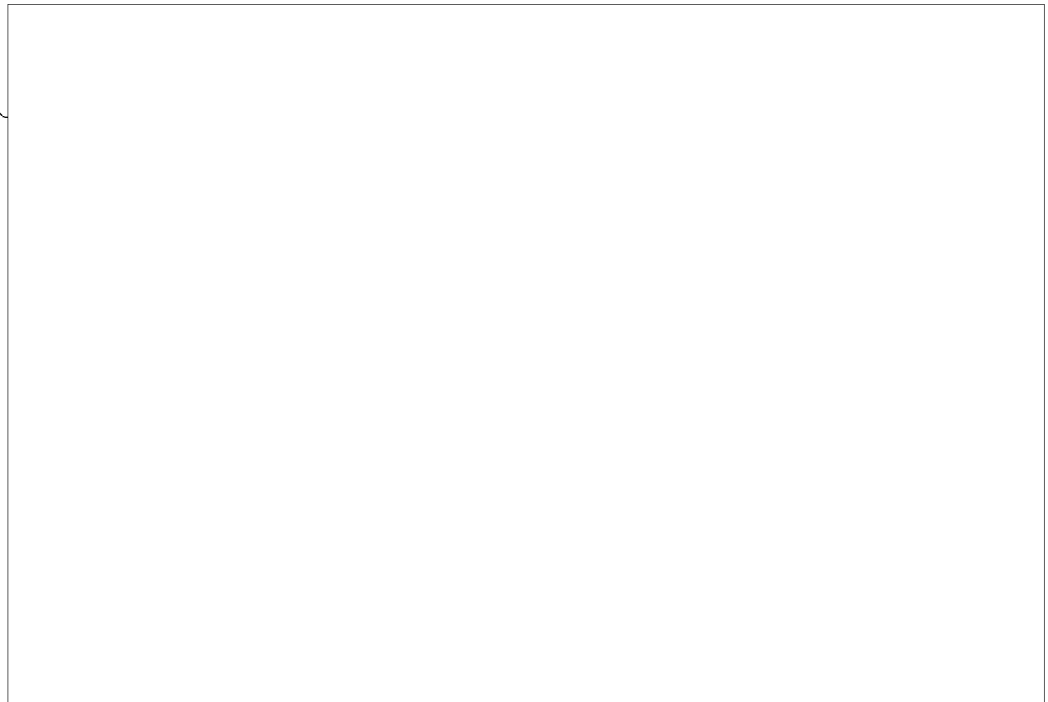
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- New insight into the identities, role, and locations of senior al-Qa'ida financial operatives such as Bin Ladin financial advisor Shaykh Sa'id and 11 September financier Mustafa Ahmed al-Husawi. (S//NF)

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Diverse Financial Networks Revealed ~~(C)~~

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(b)(3) Custodial interviews of captured and arrested al-Qa'ida operatives and financiers are beginning to reveal new details of the group's financial network.

Detainees are using interrogation countermeasures to withhold or provide false information. We are working to verify these disclosures and pursue additional requirements.

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(b)(3) • The arrests of key al-Qa'ida facilitators, such as "Riyadh" and [redacted] and high-ranking al-Qa'ida operatives including Abu Zubaydah and Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, are providing multiple windows into the terrorist financial network.

- For example, we obtained intelligence from Abu Zubaydah that helped lead to the capture of [redacted] financiers and operatives, including "dirty bomb" operative Jose Padilla, who was caught carrying \$10,000 entering the United States in June.

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Donors, Fundraisers, and Facilitators (U)

Detainees have provided information on al-Qa'ida-linked donors, fundraisers, and facilitators, although the information is incomplete and some almost certainly is false.¹

- Abu Zubaydah [redacted] [redacted] have disclosed partial information on donors.

- Key al-Qa'ida operatives have revealed information on fundraisers, many of whom are either deceased or incarcerated.

¹ See Appendices A, B, and C on al-Qa'ida donors, fundraisers, and financial facilitators for more details.

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- Several detainees—including Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi and courier Masran bin A'rshad—have provided detailed information on al-Qa'ida financial facilitators

We also have obtained information on senior al-Qa'ida financiers, such as Shaykh Sa'id and Hasan Ghul. Acquiring additional details on these individuals is a top priority. (b)(3)

Al-Qa'ida's Expenses

Al-Qa'ida Senior Financier Shaykh Sa'id

Custodial interviews are shedding new light on the importance of Shaykh Sa'id, whom we believe to be a chief financier for Usama Bin Ladin. Shaykh Sa'id—also known as Shaykh Sa'id al-Masri and Mustafa Muhammad Ahmad—

Shaykh Sa'id (S//NF)

Counterinterrogation Techniques And Intelligence Gaps ~~(S)~~

Many detainees are reluctant to discuss key details of the al-Qa'ida financial network, and some have used counterinterrogation techniques to thwart collection.

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- Many of the custodial interview reports suggest that detainees are providing just enough information to appease interrogators. The reports suggest detainees are trying to influence as well as inform.
- They seldom give specific information on individuals and entities involved in terrorism finance; aliases and partial names are common.

- Some detainees are refusing to talk altogether, including key facilitator [Redacted]

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Next Steps With the Detainees ~~(U)~~

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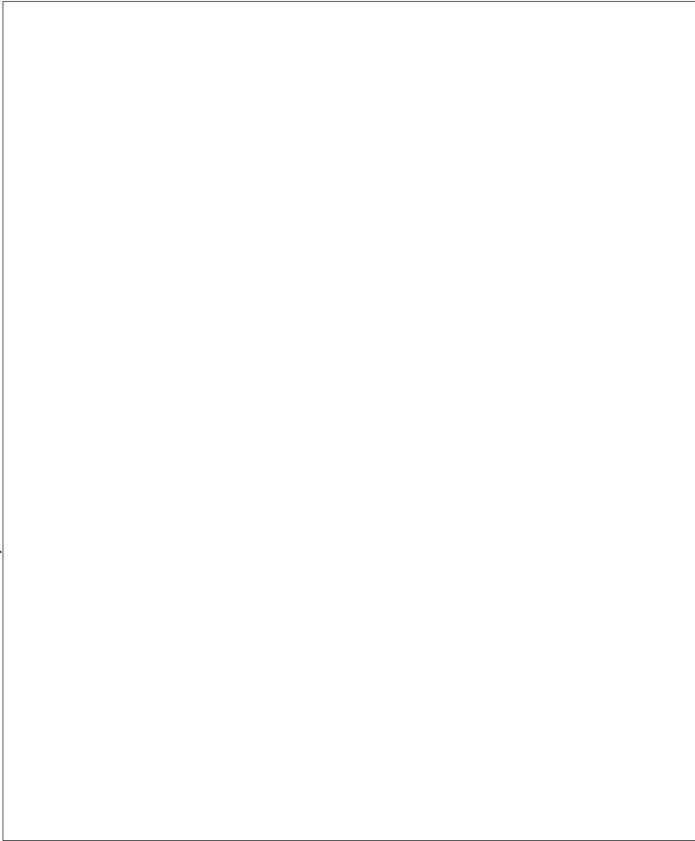
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New Information and War Strategy ~~(S)~~



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² See Appendix C for more details. ~~(U)~~

Appendix A

Donors (U)

Custodial interviews are providing a few leads to the identities of al-Qa'ida donors—particularly wealthy individuals

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Appendix B

Fundraisers ~~(U)~~

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Disclosures on al-Qa'ida fundraisers bolster previous information

However, we judge that many detainees—especially Abu Zubaydah—have not shared their entire knowledge of al-Qa'ida fundraisers.

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Appendix C

Facilitators ~~(U)~~

Several detainees have provided information on al-Qa'ida financial facilitators, including a wealth of intelligence on couriers,

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We are obtaining more information on al-Qa'ida methods of moving funds:

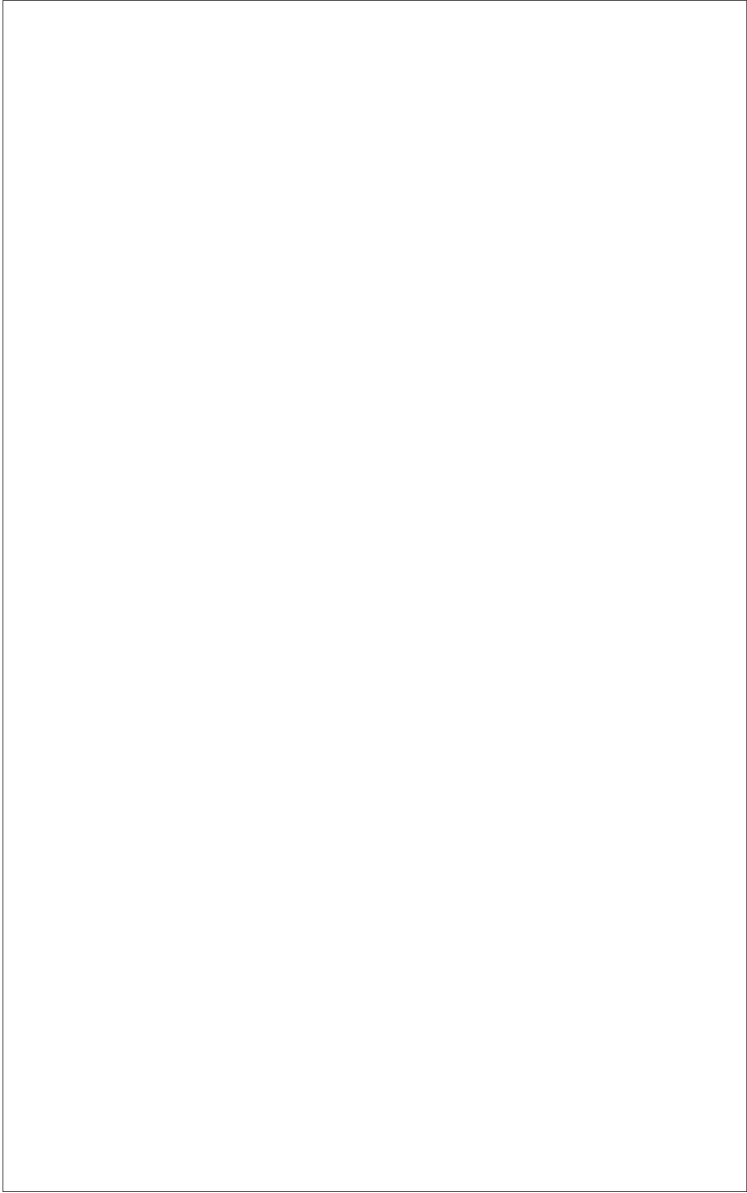
Other detainees—such as “Riyadh” and Abu Zubaydah—have provided details on the role of Pakistani al-Qa'ida facilitator, fundraiser, and guesthouse manager Hasan Ghul.

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- In May and June, Abu Zubaydah provided details to interrogators on alleged 11 September attack financial facilitator Mustafa Ahmed al-Husawi. Abu Zubaydah mentioned that the Saudi al-Husawi was known as Zaher, and was a member of the al-Qa'ida media committee. Moreover, Abu Zubaydah revealed that al-Husawi is an associate of Khalid Shaykh Muhammad—the “Brain”—and may have fled to Iran.

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